exercise as, their validity is certainly of a limited nature. Some examples are given below:

(a) Railway investments on new lines, guage conversions and electrification have been broken up Statewise based on approximate length completed in each State.

(b) The remaining 80 per cent of Railway Plan has been allocated to different States on the basis of route Kilometers falling in each State.

(c) Expenditure on purchase of aircraft (Civil Aviation Plan) has been allocated on the basis of the number of landings in each States.

(d) Expenditure of Air India on acquisition of aircraft has been allocated to four international airports on the basis of traffic handled by these Airports.

(e) Regarding Shipping, the Statewise allocations have been done on the basis of traffic earned by the major ports in each of the maritime States.

(v) As Central investment in projects is mostly in areas where the necessary economic factors are in optimum availability, the objective of regional balance can have only limited relevance in such cases.

(vi) Housing & Urban Development includes provision for six schemes only. For HUDCO the total plan outlay was Rs. 50 crores. The actual releases amount to Rs. 675.87 crores. This is due to market borrowings of the HUDCO. Besides information on Stationary & Printing is still awaited.

292. [*Transferred to the 11th March*, 1988].

Out of turn accommodation on medical grounds to defence officers

293. SHRI ROSHAN LAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that defence officers posted in Delhi are being allotted married Government accommodation out-of-turn on medical grounds;

(b) if so, what is the number of applications pending before the Housing and Allotment Committee Quartering-I of Ministry of Defence since August, 1987;

(c) what is the waiting period for such type of cases and what is the alternate arrangement made to enable the officers to stay in Delhi and get their families treated in Military Hospital till the allotment of accommodation;

(d) what is the number of officers who have not yet been allotted out-of-turn married Government accommodation even after waiting for more than five to six months; and

(e) whether Government propose to hire accommodation for those officers whose families are under treatment at the military hospital, Delhi Cantt. as a Special case; if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no Committee called Housing and Allotment Committee Quartering-I.' However, the pending applications relate to :

(i) 15 for hired houses;

(ii) 7 for regular accommodation.

(c) The waiting period varies depending on the number of applicants and availability of accommodation in Delhi at any point in time. Officers are permitted, in the alternative, to live in their own houses on rent reimbursement basis anywhere in Delhi. They are also permitted to sponsor houses for hiring by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) near the military hospital.

(d) (i) for hired accommodation.

(ii) Nil for regular accommodation.

(e) As indicated in reply to part (c) a provision already exists for hiring houses by the CAO on their being sponsored by Service Officers.

Dumping of Nuclear Wastes in Tibet by China

294. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported dumping of nuclear wastes by China in Tibet which appeared in a Section of the Press; and

(b) if so, what are the estimated effects on environment in northern regions of India, on waters flowing from Tibet into India and also on forests and vegetation along the Tibetan border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Government have seen the news item, but have no information on the nuclear waste reportedly being dumped in Tibet. However, constant monitoring of the environment in all areas (including forests, vegetation and water resources) is done by the concerned agencies in India.

Jobs to the Dependents of the deceased Central Government Employees

295. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Government employees in Delhi who died while in service during the last three years; and

(b) the number of dependents of those deceased employees who were appointed during this period on compassionate grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Under the existing instructions, subject to certain conditions, Joint Secretaries incharge of Administration or Secretary in the Ministry/Department concerned and Heads of Deptts. are competent to appoint a son|daughter|near relative of a Govt. servant, who dies in harness or is invalidated from service on medical grounds. Information in regard to the number of Govt. servants, who died or retired on medical grounds, as also the number of appointments made on compassionate grounds is not centrally monitored by the Department of Personnel and Training.

Indian nationals in foreign jails

296. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian nationals in jails of foreign countries alongwith the names of such countries; and

(b) the number of foreign nationals in Indian jails alongwith the names of the countries to which they belong?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The information is given in the Statement (*See* belof).

(b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.